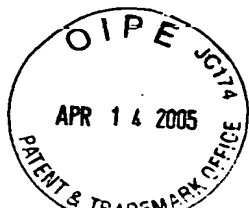


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fitting (2). The grommet, encloses and holds the pull cable (3) by its clamping action. In operation, the grommet is drawn into the bore by a pulling force on the cable (3) and thereby directly and indirectly locks the cable to the brake fitting. Alternatively the cable is clamped by a cylindrical or conical elastomeric bush. The bush is seated in a bore in the brake lever and is deformed by a tensioning screw, thus gripping the brake cable. An English abstract of this publication is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

German Patent Publication No. DE 44 27 772 A1 appears to disclose a lock that has a casing (2) which is, or can be, rigidly connected to a frame tube (R), and which contains a locking section (4). It is fitted with entry and exit sleeves (5, 6) for accommodating the cables (7, 8) which operate the brakes and the gearchange. The locking section (4) has a lock element (11) with a clamping surface (12), which is connected to a lock (16), and which can jam the cables against a rigid clamping surface (9). The cable may be only slightly sleeved in the region of the clamping position, and the core (8) of each cable may be accommodated in recesses in the casing. An English abstract of this publication is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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